

REMARKS

Applicants respond hereby to the outstanding final Office Action mailed June 8, 2007, in the above-identified application. Claims 1-47 are pending herein, where claims 1 and 23 are the sole independent claims. Claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 23, 26-28, 31-33, 35-37, 39-41 and 45-47, are amended hereby to identify that each of the positively recited elements of applicants' stent delivery systems as claimed are "configured to" operate with the referenced endoscope, and/or the endoscope components as recited, which endoscope and/or endoscope components are not part of the inventive systems.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of final rejection of claims 1-47 under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph, particularly in view of the amendment of claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 13-15, 17-19, 23, 26-28, 31-33, 35-37, 39-41 and 45-47. Moreover, and contrary to the remarks made by applicants in their Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, mailed February 20, 2007, applicants intend the scope of their claims to include the holding mechanism, which is part of the claimed invention. The holding mechanism is an inventive or constituent element of the claimed invention, is positively recited in each of independent claims 1 and 23 and is therefore a limitation in each of pending claims 1-47.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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